

toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

However scanty your income may be, dear brother or sister, do not forget

YOU OWE A PORTION.

of it to the Lord. You can neither deceive nor cheat Him. You may have good things in this life, as did the "certain rich man," but when he died "he lifted up his eyes in hell, being in torment;" and so it will be with you if you withhold the Lord's dues. It is a plain case—no speculation about it.

If you are hard pressed financially, no one so keenly and fully sympathizes with you as your minister; and if he sees you are doing what you can, he will be the last one to embarrass you. There is no congregation in which a part of the laity is not only willing to do their duty, and bear their proportion of the burden, but who bear double and treble their share; and this they do cheerfully and gladly, if by it the cause they love is thereby well supported; but it justly grieves their hearts to know that after they have economized in every possible way, and given every cent they saved thereby to help support the church, to find that the cause of Christianity must suffer for want of financial support and that others who should be equally interested with themselves, are either so covetous or indifferent as not to give it any reasonable support.

To such criminally careless or covetous persons we repeat our heading, "be careful." Remember that after a man has been side-tracked in order to maintain his family it is hard for him to get their consent to again abandon secular employment so as to give the church his whole and undivided strength, time and attention. The minister as well as the members of the parish, has others besides himself to consult as to how, where and at what he shall employ his time. In the present condition of things, in order to obtain any of the evidences of God's blessing upon his labor, it is absolutely necessary for him to devote himself body, mind and soul to his "high calling."

Therefore, dear brethren and sisters, we do most beseechingly exhort you to think twice, and long each time, before you side-track a man of God who has acceptably ministered unto you in spiritual things. Let him know that every one of you has done his best to have it otherwise; but then, if you do that, he will keep right on to your personal credit and salvation, the good of Zion on earth and the glory of the Lord God Omnipotent.

Correspondence.

UPDEGRAFF, IOWA. Oct. 6.—DEAR BROTHER HARRISON: With pleasure I send you by next mail, the \$5.00 for the Bible, and thank you heartily for having so kindly waited until Sister Amaden could arrange to get the money. I hope you have not been seriously inconvenienced by the delay.

Please send me a few copies of the World's Fair Evangelist—at least a dozen, and I will remit the price in a few days. I am aware Brother Harrison, that I ought to send cash with the order, but money is so hard to get, and I so seldom have any opportunity to earn any, that I cannot get the cash always when I need it. But I see so much to be done, and so many places where the Gospel is needed, and see where good can be accomplished by the powerful preaching of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, that I cannot refuse to distribute a few copies of them among my neighbors and unconverted friends. If I only had the means, I would order them by the hundreds and scatter them broadcast over the land. But God "knows all things" and "doeth all things well," and if he sees that we are too weak to be entrusted with this world's goods to assist the cause in a pecuniary way, I believe that he will qualify us to do it in some other way, and with all my heart I say the Lord's will be done, although I do long to be able to give liberally to the cause of Christ.

LIZZIE MASTERS.

CORNELL, ILL. Oct. 16.—I am happy to be able to report to you that through the blessing of our heavenly Father, both wife and I are up and around again, although my wife is still weak but is slowly improving. She was sick four weeks, with remittent fever, and when one is blessed as we are with five small children, it makes it hard; but we received help, as God's children always do, for he has promised them that he would never leave them nor forsake them. A sister of my wife came and took care of us and helped us through.

We are having preaching every Sunday; sometimes at our houses; sometimes at the different school houses. The country people are anxious to hear more of the doctrine as preached by us. Our prayer meetings are well attended, both by members and by others. We try our best to make everybody feel at home in our meetings. If we only had a church building of our own, or if we could only rent one we could do lots more good. We have tried to get the German Baptist Brethren church, but neither love nor money can induce them to let us have it. May the Lord bless us all in the prayer of your brother in the Lord.

J. J. VANDERREE.

ALEPPO, PA. Oct.—I am here to begin a protracted meeting at the request of the church at this place. I find the members well, generally, and in a high state of religious life. Their hopes are constantly being realized in a strong and growing church of the Brethren. There is, perhaps, no better church material in the brotherhood than is found here. Brother James Murray (the aged), Brother Jacob Murray (his son), Brother Fred Wise (brother to our champion Henry Wise, of Parkersburg), and many others of like faith and energy, constitute a team to keep the good ball rolling.

I spent the afternoon of the 16th with our very aged and feeble Bro. Adam Wise. This is the father of Henry, above mentioned, and brother to John Wise, reading clerk and moderator of so many Annual Meetings. He has braved many a cold winter wind and other hardships to preach the word, and now, that his

house, which has been lately moved, remodeled and beautified an old house; built one of the neatest, most convenient and modern buildings in the brotherhood; organizing their song, Sunday school and church work in a way and manner that allows the highest commendation. With a membership of two hundred live, enthusiastic and working members in the line, all their good efforts are crowned with success.

Many years ago we first visited this organization, long before the excommunicating knife had done its dreadful work, or the committee had attempted unchristian coercion. Thank the Lord! there was no place found here for much of that kind of work. The organization said it wanted none of it, but would do the work of its Master in peace and union. Brother Jacob Murray does about all the preaching, his aged father (James Murray) saying that he raised him for that purpose, and here let me say he was well raised. He does his work well in the church as speaker and in the school room, as teacher. Loved and revered by all, his work will live after him.

God bless our beloved brotherhood.

A. J. STERLING.

SHENDUN, VA.—Down in the valley of Virginia, in the town of Shendun, live my aged parents, who are old veterans of the cross. Our membership in that town is very meager. The few members living there felt they ought to have a meeting. Father wrote to me to come and preach for them. In reply I told him if he could secure a room I would come. A room was secured. The town is principally made up of Presbyterians, Methodists, and United Brethren. I was granted leave of absence by the good brethren of my pastorate and so I went. I dealt out the distinctive doctrines of the Brethren church to large and attentive audiences. Preached eighteen sermons with immediate results, four by baptism and one by relation; and the former number strengthened and encouraged. I feel confident that the number of additions would have been much larger had we not had so much opposition from various sources, all of which I will

not take the time and space to speak of. In that town there are two secret orders; whose leaders are professed Christians. These orders would meet, one on Tuesday night and the other on Thursday night of each week, in a room just above the one in which we held our services. And while I was trying to preach the Gospel, these orders, (on the nights above named) would be in session. We could hear them walking over the floor and it would attract the attention of the congregation. This could have been avoided. Why it was not I leave the reader to draw his own conclusions. We think, considering this annoyance, and other opposition from different sources, the meeting was a success. Seed has been sown that will be difficult to root out. While there I had the pleasure of visiting one of Virginia's natural sceneries. Viz: The famous Wyer's Cave. I am now at home again, busy getting ready for our communion at this place, which is set for October 22nd, and for our coming State Conference. I pray God's richest blessing upon the little band at Shendun, Va. May they so work, live, and hang together that in time to come they may have a flourishing church. I tell you, my brethren, we should all create more of a spiritual interest for each other.

J. F. KOONTZ.

ROSSVILLE, IND. Oct. 20.—I am happy to inform you that I am gaining strength. The typhoid greatly cut me down in physical strength. For eight weeks I suffered greatly, but I thank God that I am feeling as well as I am. I was compelled to have my appointments filled by proxy, with the exception of Oakville. I have not visited that point since July. Shortly after the National Conference the small pox began raging in that locality, and I was informed by my people that the health officers had given notice that no public gathering should be held in the county. I received a letter this week from Brother George Hoover, in which he informs me that the inhabitants of Oakville have arranged to quarantine the town. So we are deprived of our church gatherings there for a while; but hope and pray that God will clear the way that all will be well.

Saturday, October 14th, we held our last business meeting at Mt. Zion. Sunday morning and evening of the 25th of this month, we will preach our farewell sermon. We trust that the affairs will be ready for a higher elevation, and success to my successor. Our work has averaged with the churches surrounding it in attendance and additions, but we will have more to say in our closing perhaps.

Edna Mills is quietly coming to the front. Sister Grossnickle will hold us a meeting there, commencing December 1st,—perhaps sooner.

The Edna Mills church gave us a unanimous call to serve them for another year, which we have agreed to do, commencing November 1st.

According to previous arrangements, we go to Huntington City, to locate, in November, and we will begin work in the city. I am urged by correspondence to come as soon as possible. I see Brother Binky has made mention of the work in the city. I don't know whether he has reference to my arrangements, or whether we are going to make a double attack.

I pray for the success of the EVANGELIST, and for God's Israel everywhere.

J. H. PALMER.

FISHER'S HILL, VA. Oct. 16.—I closed a meeting at Keller, W. Va., last week, with four additions by baptism. One came out on Wednesday night, and the next day before we went to the water we had another applicant. A young man visiting at Sister Snader's, from New Jersey, joined the pilgrims, and so I had two to baptize. Then, that night one came out at the first invitation, and the following day we again had two to baptize. These two young men came through the tremendous rain and wind storm, which was somewhat of a surprise to me. But their faith inspired my faith, and so in company with Brethren Walter and Herman Snader, Archie Wade and Sister Reba Snader, we went to the water. There we met the other candidate and Brother Lankester, of the Lutheran church. The rain and wind seemed to abate at that time for this work of the Lord, and so I baptized these two young men without any difficulty occasioned by the rain and wind. That night, how-

er, the wind continued, and after we had retired, it blew off the roof from one side of the house of Sister Snader and we were obliged to seek the other side of the house. The roof rattled and raved for a while and then the other side blew off, but fortunately the rain by this time had nearly ceased. In the morning we found that half the roof had been blown up in the orchard, and there struck an apple tree which was torn out by the roots. A part of the chimney was torn off also. I feel that this was the hardest storm I ever was in.

The Snader family are good people. I made my home there, as all preachers and many others do. They are "given to hospitality," and this is appreciated highly by one who is away from home. The Lord bless them and others.

GEO. A. COPP.

Monthly Postal Reports.

A postal report of the month's doings of each class or congregation is solicited. From Ohio and Indiana, for the second issue of each month; From Illinois, Kansas and California districts, for the third issue of each month; From Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania for the fourth issue of each month. Express thoughts for this department just as you would if they were to be telegraphed. If you have only little to say, express that little in the fewest possible words.

KELLAR, W. VA.—Thursday, October 10th finished Brother George Copp's series of meetings at Kellar, W. Va. They were well attended and the power of the Spirit of the Lord was apparent by the addition of four penitents to the church by baptism, thereby joining the mighty throng with Jesus as the standard bearer. May the Lord lengthen the days of brother Copp's usefulness as a true disciple of the cross.

ARCHIE B. WADE.

ROSENA, CALIF. Oct. 16.—We held two meetings yesterday, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Pretty fair attendance at both. We all felt well over our services. The meetings were held in Brother H. R. Holsinger's house. Brother Rhodes, from Kansas was present. Brother Miller was sick. They could not be present. Brother Holsinger is absent at present, but will be home this week. Brother Eshelman is on the sick list, but will soon be able to visit Rosena.

JOHN NICHOLSON.

HOOVER, IND. Oct. 16.—My health is fairly good again. My hip is not well yet but I am improving as fast as could be expected. I hope to recover fully in course of time.

I have taken pastoral charge at Loree and Corinth (Twelve Mile.) The congregations at both points seem to be in good working condition. I succeed Brother Perry at Corinth and Brother Summers at Loree. These brethren are both good men and great workers, and this accounts largely for the good condition of these churches. I hope God will enable the present pastor to continue the work successfully.

Nothing preventing, we will begin a protracted effort at Corinth next Sunday evening. Of course we do not expect much of an ingathering, for we know not from whence many accessions could come. Most all adults belong to some denomination, but a revival is never amiss. Pray for our success.

J. H. SWIHART.

NAPPANEE, IND. Oct. 16.—In the absence of sister E. L. Dickey, who is now engaged in a series of meetings at Tiosa, Indiana, the regular appointments were filled by Brother Sala. While Brother Sala is not the most eloquent speaker, he displays a spirit of earnestness and devotion that characterizes the true Christian. In his discourse Saturday evening from Acts 8:35, he drew a beautiful lesson of obedience and true faith from Philip and the eunuch. On Sunday he recommended to all Christian workers the true faithfulness and patience of Nehemiah in his work of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. Sunday evening from Romans 13:14, he spoke of Christian responsibilities. We enjoyed the meeting and hope Brother Sala will come again.

HUGH P. CALLANDER.

ROANN, IND. Oct. 14.—Our church at New Enterprise is still in existence. While we cannot see any immediate result, we believe good seed has been sown. We can hear of different ones that are counting the cost. And we hope before winter closes our number will be increased largely by earnest workers. Sister Dickey, our present pastor is holding meeting at Tiosa and we hope the result will be good for we know

her to be an earnest worker. Brother Yoder is to fill her appointment tonight, tomorrow, and tomorrow night. Sunday evening, October 1, Sister Etta Tombaugh preached her first sermon. If her first effort is any promise for the future she will make an earnest worker for Christ, to which she is surely called.

T. F. KEIM.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM BROOKS.

As we yet feel the sadness of the loss of our friend and brother, we want to contribute a few thoughts to his memory. Seldom do we witness a death that casts such a gloom in the community over both old and young, as the death of this one who was loved by all who knew him. He was a young man apparently in perfect health and only seriously ill about four hours. We were all made to feel that in the midst of life we are in death. The suddenness in which he was snatched away was one sad feature and another that the day he was buried was the day he was to have been baptized. But there are few professors of Christianity who have their life developed as grandly in their daily walks as this one. He was industrious, never spending time in idleness, always full of life, joy and happiness, bringing sunshine wherever he went; one of the most devoted of husbands; ever ready to help those in need or speak a kind word to those in distress. About three years ago he plunged into the river to save the life of a young man who would have perished had it not been for him. Oh, how many of us could get a lesson from such a life. His loss is felt in the community, in the church, but most of all by that dear young wife. To look at it in one way we could say "how cruel" for it destroyed one of the happiest of homes. And so we could wonder why a life so full of promise and one that was appreciated so much by all had to be sacrificed. But we know there are many things we cannot understand and trustfully submit to the Divine law. Oh how our heart goes out to that bereaved wife who had her all taken, except her hope in God. And dear brethren and sisters, it is seldom we see the sustaining power of God manifested as with this sister simply because she took God at his word and trusted him. It gives us renewed courage and strength.

MRS. L. B. SPINNER.

Mexico, Ind., Oct. 4.

Children's Department.

To the Junior King's Children, at Lanark, Ill.—I thank you very much for the badge you sent me by Emma Lichty. I had one before but I was leaning out the car window and it fell off my coat and was lost. I feel like giving you fifteen cents and this letter too. I want you all to come and see me. Our Sunday School superintendent at Enon died last night, the 20th of October. He had the typhoid fever. His name was Irvin Lichty. His brother is very sick too with the same disease. I hope God will let him get well. I think Irvin is in Heaven now.

HOMER R. HARRISON.

Waterloo, Iowa.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first letter to the EVANGELIST. I have three sisters and one brother. School has commenced. I cannot go yet. Our teacher's name is Elmer Webb. I go to Sunday school every Sunday at Gearhart. It is four miles. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church. Brother Miller, from South Bend, will preach every four weeks at our place. He will preach here next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. I will ask a question. What was the first miracle Christ performed? and where was it? If I see this in print I will write again.

CHARLES STEEL.

North Liberty, Ind.

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